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The previous month was full of activities. Even winter at Kanpur could not lower the sprit of our enthusiastic volunteers. All regular activities ran smoothly. The main programs were Shiksha Sopan's Annual function, Republic Day celebrations, Swami Vivekanand Jayanti celebration at Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra and Mehndi and Fancy dress Competitions at New SAC on the auspicious occasion of Basant Panchami.

Annual Function

This year Shiksha Sopan celebrated its 14th Annual function. The program was held at Sopan Ashram, Nankari near Navsrajan Saraswati Vidya Niketan on 25th January, 2015 (Sunday). Shri K B Tripathi, Senior Manager, Bank of Badoda was the chief guest of this program. He with Prof H C Verma, Mrs Prabha Verma and Mr Suraj Verma lighted the lamp in front of Maa Saraswati. The program began with Ganpati vandana. Many stage performances, consisted of skits, songs and dance were presented by Sopan children and volunteers. The whole program was well organized and huge number of people gathered to have a glimpse of the event.



The selected performances from Fancy Dress competition were also displayed there. Mr Suraj Kumar, Shri K B Tripathi and Mr Amrendra Narayan judged these performances and took best three out of these. Prizes were also distributed by judges to the winners of competitions.

Mr Vimal was looking after the whole arrangement of sound. Whole program was recorded by Mr Vipin Sharma. Seema Verma, Pushpa Tripathi and Geeta, etc were all the time busy behind the stage to prepare children with their makeup etc. With the support of all Sopan science cell members and all center coordinators the event found new height of success. Mr R S Srivastava and Mrs Chetna Mishra from Opporunity School, Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai and some other senior volunteers of Shiksha Sopan were present there. Mr Anurag Pandey anchored the whole program.

Basant Panchami celebration

The Basant Panchami is celebrated as a festival in remembrance of Goddess Saraswati. Shiksha Sopan celebrated Basant Panchami just one day before the Annual function i.e. on 24th January, 2015 (Saturday) at New SAC, IIT Kanpur. Mehndi and Fancy Dress competitions were organized by Shiksha Sopan on this auspicious occasion. Two competent teams of judges judged these competitions. Mrs Chetna Mishra, Vice principal, Opportunity School IIT Kanpur, Shri Suraj Verma and Mrs Pragya Khandekar judged Mehndi competition. Mrs Deepa Danayak and Mrs Nirupma also helped these judges. In parallel with this competition, Mr Kanhaiya Tiwari, Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya IIT Kanpur, Mr J P Sharma, acting principal, Opportunity School and Ms Anupama Sharma judged fancy dress competition. For each competition the duration was two hours.



Mehndi Competition

Mehndi competition was divided into three categories, namely, children studying in class 4th to 8th, class 9th to 12th and the third category for elders. A total of 63 children participated in this competition. Miss Rani from first category, Miss Lakshmi from second category and Miss Ranjana from third category got the prizes for their outstanding performances. The prizes were distributed on next day in the Annual Function of Shiksha Sopan. Three consolation prizes in each category were also distributed with these outstanding performances.

Fancy Dress Competition

This competition was open for anyone up to class 12th. Each child came on the stage representing a special character, dressed accordingly. He/she then spoke some dialogues related to the character. 23 children participated and represented almost all sections of the society such as teacher, beggar, poet, domestic servant, vegetable vender, political leader, Lord Krishna, Goddess Saraswati, a tree, etc. Master Vinay got first prize, Miss Anamika got second prize and Miss Muskaan got third prize. The prizes to these children were also distributed on next day in the Annual Function of Shiksha Sopan. Seven consolation prizes were also distributed with these three.

Dr Sameer Khandekar, Dr H C Verma and Mr Madan Vaijapurkar were present there. Madan ji also sang Saraswati vandana. Shiksha Sopan Science cell members managed the whole program and Mr Anurag Pandey anchored the program.

Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)

Swami Vivekanand Jayanti celebration

Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra celebrated Swami Vivekanand Jayanti on 12th January, 2015 (Monday). Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai, Mr Anuarg Pandey and Ms Shushma Yadav were lighted the lamp in front of Swami Vivekanand and showed their gratitude towards him. All of three talked to students and told about sacrifices of Swami ji. Children presented speeches on Swami ji and also recited poems and sang patriotic songs.



There were short speeches about the occasion by the children themselves. The whole program was anchored by Lakshmi Kushwaha, a student of class 6.

Republic Day celebration

Shiksha Sopan celebrated Republic day with full enthusiasm at SASK, Barasirohi. Professor H C Verma, Shri Ranjan Upadhyay, Shri Anurag Pandey and Shri Ram Prasad Bajapi were present during the celebration. Flag hosting ceremony was initiated by Dr H C Verma followed by our National Anthem. Later on, Dr Verma addressed the children of SASK. All the dignitaries present there expressed their valuable views in the form of small speeches.



They conveyed the actual meaning and importance of the word "Republic" to all children present there. Children also expressed their emotions by singing patriotic songs.

Warm Clothes and Sports Material distribution

This year, January was quite chilly. The temperature ranged between 15-25 degrees during the daytime and between 5-10 degrees at night. So, some of the IITK students decided to distribute warm clothes and sports material to SASK children. The names of these students are Paridhi Rathe Ji, Ravi Tripathi Ji, Sinraila Ji, Anvesha Ji, Ritu ji, Vandana Ji, Sonia Ji, Banshi Ji, Abhijeet Ji, Jyotiroy ji, Sushma Ji and Ramesh Ji.



This distribution program was organized by our senior volunteer and an IITK Ph.D student Ms Ashu. On behalf of Shiksha Sopan, Ms Seema Verma gave thanks to all these students. Consolation prizes of competitions held on 24th January were also distributed by dignitaries and the IITK students present there.

New Year program

Our SAC evening center is now shifted to New SAC. Children studying at this center celebrated new year program "Welcome Year 2015" on 02nd January, 2015 at New SAC, IIT Kanpur. Some stage performances, consisted of skits, songs and dances were presented by children. Stationary was distributed to children studying at this center. Mr Anurag Pandey, Mr Ayan Chakraborty and Mr Madan Vaijapurkar distributed it to the children.



Mr Ayan Chakraborty arranged 7 bicycles for some students studying at SAC center. The names of children are Kapil and Deepak from class 12th, Shivam Yadav and Shivani from class 10th, Rohit and Ayush from class 9th and Pawan Mishra. Shiksha Sopan is very thankful to Mr Ayan Chakraborty.

Science Workshop at Lakheempur Kheri

Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai and Mr Anurag Pandey gave two day workshop at Lakheempur Kheri district on 10th and 11th January, 2015 in Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Saraswati Vidya Mandir Inter College. A total of 70 students and 20 teachers attended the whole workshop. The whole workshop was organized by Shri Sheshdhar Dwivedi, Principal of the college. Mr Sanjeev, physics teacher, Maharana Pratap Education center was also present there.

Thanks to Mrs Anamika Bajpai

Mrs Anamika Bajpai who is currently living in Japan is associated with Shiksha Sopan since its early days. Even after she left India, she always maintains contact with Shiksha Sopan and inspire the volunteers and Children. During her visit this month she brought beautiful gifts from Japan for Sopan children. Sopan gives a special thanks to her.

Other Informations

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